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In re application of: Laura SERINO

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Title: Immunogenic Compositions Comprising

Multiple Gonococcal Antigens

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2009 for the above-referenced patent application.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-7), drawn to a composition comprising two or more of the gonococcal OmpA, OmpH, PPIase, ngs41, ngs117 and App.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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